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What Is Important?

Banks, Bolshevism, Soldiers, Children, and Other Things.

Each of us lives in his own little sphere, and each of us has his own little standard of importance.

The mother will tell you that the most important thing in the world is the child. The miser believes that the most important thing is gold.

The statesman seeks a place in the halls of fame. Others believe that service for the betterment of their fellow men is the most important of all activity.

President Wilson, in a recent speech, indicated that he would be willing to give his life, if necessary, that the League of Nations covenant might be ratified intact. In this statement he pledged his willingness to sacrifice that which is fundamentally most precious to all normal human beings.

Self-preservation, says the old saw, is the first law of nature. The three ruling interests born in every man since Adam are preservation of self, perpetuation of the race, and

On the editor's desk are several pamphlets and magasines which came in the last mail. Let us open a few of them and see what people consider important.

The first is a bulletin from an automobile company. It states proudly that the first automobile built by this firm, "with approximately 90,000 miles to its credit, negotiated on highways and byways of every description, during eleven years of constant use, is adding daily visible testimony to the everlasting sturdiness which is the birthright" of every car built by this manufacturer.

The manufacturer of this automobile undoubtedly believes that among the most important things in this world is the record of service given by his cars.

The next pamphlet is a treatise on the attitude of the United States to Costa Rica. The writer, Lincoln G. Valentine, says that great statesmen view with concern our policies of recent years. Quite so, but it is probable that our "great statesmen," by which he means members of Congress, are far more concerned with the attitude of the felks back home and the consequent way the folks cast their votes for candidates for Congressional seats.

The next is a magazine devoted to newspaper work. It uses the first inside page to tell all about Cornelius Vanderbilt, jr., who has become a cub reporter at twenty-five dollars a week. Young Vanderbilt says that newspaper work is the world's greatest agency for good. He believes his mission in life is to help in the movement for the betterment of all people. That is his idea of important work.

The next is a leasiet entitled, "France and Her Problems," an address by Baron Jacques de Neuflise, a Parisian banker. It is published by "La France," an American magazine whose editor considers this address to be of sufficient importance to spend considerable money in publishing and distributing it.

Another pamphlet is from the National City Bank of New York. The most prominent place in this publication is given to an article written by George E. Roberts, vice president of the bank. In a treatise entitled, "Unrest and Lessened Production Threaten America's Prosperity." he

"The fundamental trouble at the bottom of all the turbulence in the industrial world, and this pressure upon the Government to interfere in business affairs, is in failure to understand that there are natural economic laws always at work accomplishing the ends sought by such agitation, and doing so far more efficiently and certainly than it can be accomplished by arbitrary measures."

That is a wealthy business man's idea of what is important.

Another magazine is from Tokyo. It points out that it

is very important to realize the following facts: The United States is closer to Asia than it is to

South America. It is possible to connect Asia and the United States by rail through a tunnel under Bering Strait.

Manila, in American insular territory, is closer to China than to Tokyo.

A farm magazine sets forth that the whole livestock business is at a crisis.

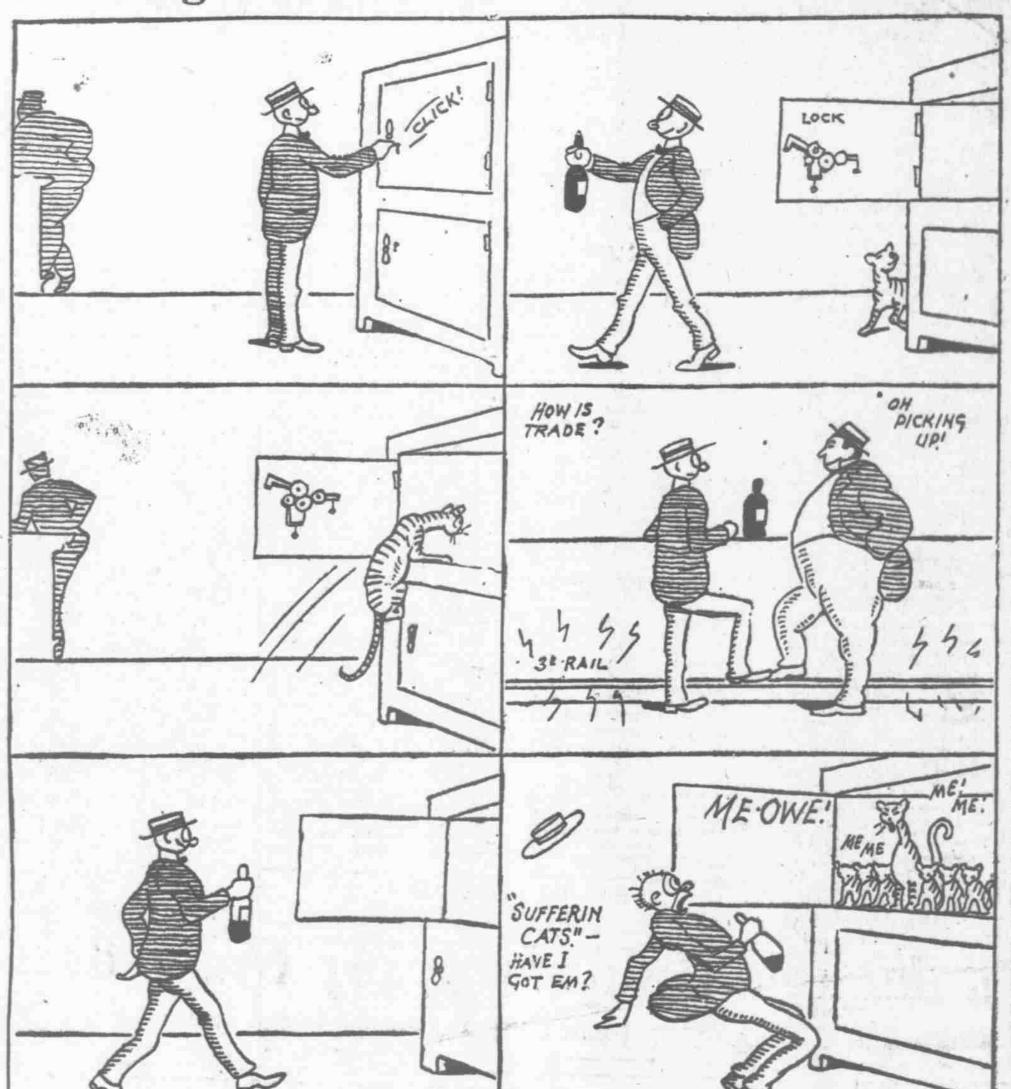
The American Federationist, official magazine of the American Federation of Labor, devotes its leading editorial to the International Trade Union Congress recently held in Amsterdam.

A pamphlet from the League Against American Militarists asks: "Who should officer the new army?"

The latest number of "Judicious Advertising" gives much importance to the problem of returned service men as related to agricultural questions.

Which question is most important?

The League of Husbands Before Using



Beatrice Fairfax Writes of the Problems and Pitfalls of the War Workers Especially for Washington Women

TODAY'S TOPIC

TEL BWERY

John Jorgensen, sixty-five years d, walked more than a hundred miles from Clinton, Wis., to Elgin, Ill., to see how his old wife in the State Insane Asylum was "making out." He left a comfortable home to do this and he went without a penny in his pocket for food

or shelter on the trip. But the old man could not enjoy the snug home he had with a sonin-law while the thought preyed on his mind that all might not be well with his life partner.

He tried to borrow money for the railroad fare, but relatives and friends thought the journey innecessary. Mrs. Jorgensen had been committed to the State Asylum by due process of law, she been "queer" for some time, and they were under the impression that it might be wiser to let well enough alone. But not the old man, who wanted to make sure, and after his failure to borrow the money, he decided to start out

Doubtless he did not look heroic a gray-haired old man, dusty and worn with the journey, trudging along mile after mile. But he was a braver figure than the young lover speeding to his heart's desire on the wings of youth-was faithful old John Jorgensen.

Everything else had goneyouth, strength, money, opportunity—only unselfishness remained. He could not enjoy the material comforts that were his at his son-in-law's home while the doubt remained that perhaps they were not good to HER.

Has a Happy Ending. And everyone will be pleased to know this story has a happy ending. He limped into the insane asylum with his feet horrible blistered and on the verge of collapse. But he found his old woman and she was delighted to see him and realized, too, something of the ordeal the old man had been through for her sake. And the hospital officials-with more humanity than we ascribe to people connected with an institution-found employment for him about the place, and now these old people are reunited.

Young people-and others not so young-are always writing to me and asking for a test of real love. Well, here it is in the case of John Jorgensen-old, pennifers, walking a hundred miles to see that the wife of his youth was comfortable. To do this, he gave up a certainty for an uncertainty, a snug home for the makeshifts of the open road-he thought more of the happiness of his beloved than To determine whether love to

THIS IS REAL LOVE genuine or counterfeit, there is a | such selfish passion; next year or the next, the stage will be set simple test that everyone may apwith the same properties and you ply-and its name is unselfishness. will be declaiming the same high Which do you desire more, your sounding but utterly selfish sentiown happiness or the well-being

ments-the only difference will be of the man or woman you love? that in the foreground there will Are you willing to pursue rapbe the figure of a different man or ture at the cost of your beloved's peace of mind, sworn obligations, Love Does Not Mean Thrills. life itself-if you are, don't for a moment imagine yourself in love. A great many emotional and rather ill-balanced people confuse love with "thrills." When the You are merely pursuing your happiness without counting the cost to rattle of a man's latch-key in the anyone else. And do not imagine there is anything permanent about front door no longer produces the

Once-Overs

Copyright, 1919. International Feature Service, Inc. WHEN YOU ARE CRITICIZED. By J. J. Mundy. You are pleased with the quality of your work—technically you

know it is right. Unexpectedly, you get a criticism which stings-you feel it is unjust-you do not value the source, but just the same it hurts.

You are tempted to retort in kind. How much better would you be than the one who brought down the hammer so harshly? Be so balanced-so poised-that you can take the shot without

If you have a sense of humor, that may make it easier. But do not scorn the criticism just because you are sure the one who makes it is narrow, stupid, or has some ulterior motive in

Just hang that criticism up, mentally, till you have made up your mind whether there is anything to it which can possibly help you. Everything should be grist for your mill.

There is something in it for you, no matter what happens; the next thing is to get the good something out of it.

What's Doing; Where; When

Address—By Louis F. Post. Assistant Sorretary of Labor, French Club, Washington Salon, McLean Building, 1517 B street northwest, 8:30 p. m.

Community Singing—Blue Triangle Recreation Center, Twentieth and B streets nurthwest, 7:30 p. m.

Baseball — Washington vs. Chicago, American League Baseball Park, Seventh and Fiorida avenue northwest, 2 p. m.

Carnival—Mt. Rainier, Md.

Dance—Columbus Country, Club, ciub—Open-air Movies—Blue Triangle Recreanorthwest, 8:15 p. m. Dance-Clarendom Athletic Association. Dance—Clarendom Athletic Association.
Clarendom, Va., \$ p. m.

Welcome Home Cathering—Governor
Thomas Wells Society of the Children of
the American Revolution, Wilson Normal
School, Eleventh and Harvard streets

Only the Company of Covernment Recreation League, \$ p. m.
Post Dance—Quantico, Va., under auspices of Government Recreation League,

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Address—By Louis F. Post, Assistant clety, 1839 Munsey Building.

Dance—Columbus Country Club, club-house, Fort Berry, Va. Special cars from Twelfth street and Pennsylvania avenue Open-air Movies-Blue Triangle Recrea Dance—Blue Triangle Recreation Cen-er, Twentieth and B streets northwest,

northwest, 2 p. m.

Meeting—Ziouists of Washington, Toung
Men's Hebrew Association, Eleventh street
and Pannaylvania avenue northwest, 2:15

Tweifth and L streets northwest, 8:30 p. p. m.
Meeting—Catholic Women's Service Club,
601 E street northwest, \$ p. m.
Cancert—U. S. Marine Band, Lincoin
Park, Thirteenth and Bast Capitol streets,
7:36 p. m.
Thirteenth and Bast Capitol streets,
7:38 p. m.
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7:38 p. m.

ame set of emotions as his steps did during the courtship period, some silly woman will imagine that she no longer loves her husband. She expected to eat her emotional cake and have it too. Love to her is not unselfishness, confidence, trust, but something that is going to make her cheek flush and pale by turns. And when honest John, worn with the struggle for the almighty dollar fails to do this—she makes up her mind that she no longer loves him.

This is the time when a great many women "think of taking up a career" and if I happened to be their husbands I'd let them go ahead. A good dose of drudgery, minus the lack of appreciation of a cold cruel world, would soon send these ladies back weeping on honest John's shoulder. It would do them an immense amount of good to find out by actual experience what poor incompetent creatures they are and how much their great talents would command in the open market.

These "thrill" addicts would not know real love if it ever came their way. They are looking not for love, with the unselfishness it impress, but for emotion at any cost. With such people it's a case of "wanting what they want when they want it," and they propose to have it at the expense of everyone involved-even the one they claim to love "better than life."

There is also very little genuine love on the part of the man who wishes to "preserve" a girl for some future date at which he might, could, would, or should propose to her. I have had literally thousands of letters on this subject. Let us suppose that a young man likes a girl very much and has paid marked attention to her. Suppose, also, that he is methodically planning to propose to her, when they raise his salary next spring.

Fence? Is he justified, meanwhile, in building a fence about this girl, so to speak, through which no possible rival may enter, and inside of which the girl herself must contentedly await his pleasure?

Is He Justified In Building a

A great many young men feel this procedure to be quite within their rights, and we find girls meekly submitting to be "reserved" You would never find a man of this sanctum. John Jorgensen, of Clinton, Wis. sibly for the zeturn of the garments,

An Elm For Pershing

A Fine Way to Honor Our New General Would Be to Le Children Plant a Tree For Him.

By EARL GODWIN.

With the return to report of the job in France by Gen. John J. Pershing, there will come all sorts of suggestions for memorials in honor of the commander-in-chief of the American Expeditionary Forces, and such procedure should go forward slowly. The honor of full general is an honor conferred by Congress and, of course, by the people of the United States. But the people themselves will want to do something of a little more of their own accord. This is found in the suggestion of the American Forestry Association made in The Times the other day for the planting of a memorial tree by the school children of the United States. The idea is particularly appropriate because General Pershing started his career as a school teacher in a little town in Missouri.

Let the tree be the American elm wherever it is possible to plant that tree. The elm is the typical American tree, and if each school class in the country would plant a tree in honor of the general and the men he led we would have an inspiring memorial that all of the coming generations could take a part in. Memorial trees are to be planted facing the Lincoln Memorial. Why cannot the American Forestry Association's suggestion be taken up at once and space be provided in the District for a memorial drive lined with memorial trees planted by the school children of the District in honor of Gen. John J. Pershing and the boys to whom he so finely gives all the credit?

BILL SMOOT, of Maddox Crick, leads the deductionists of the staff rises to inquire through these col- to believe that the garments must umns if the following quotation is have been of delicate fabric. The from a dead language:

Whatcha goin' to have, Boys?"

Having submitted this query to Dr.

John P. Thirst, late professor of alcoholics, holding down the Chair of Applied Glass Lifting at Shoomak-excitement reign. er's University, I understand that BILL SMOOT'S quotation is from an extremely dead language, and one that is likely to be even more defunct "full" general these days. E.T.

notice that admission grandstand seats for the coming review will be by invitation only. Mere curiosity prompts me to ask how many mothers, wives, etc., of the enlisted personnel of the "Fighting First" have or will ro-

J. ROBINSON.

Monkey Note.

claim, monkeys breed consumption, equal when it comes to popular drug why are they not kept out of doors clerks. at all times, except, possibly, in the most severe weather? Some short graduate of Hill drug store on M st. time past one of the smaller mon- and for the past year has been in keys was suffering with an abscess business for himself at Wisconsin on the right side of his jaw, and when ave. and O st. n. w., where the civis questioned, the keeper stated there can always see his smiling con was nothing that could be done for nance under the large sign THOMAS t. To my mind it was pure neglect. FRANCIS IGNATIUS DONORUE

Saturday Half Holiday. R. E. JANSON, JAMES F. NOEL and C. R. CRIM, all of the Sight Shop, U. S. Navy Yard, ask me whether a bill ever passed Congress granting a Saturday half-holiday the year round, and if not, what is the present status of the year round half-

There is no status, I guess. Advocates of the year round half-holiday claim there is a paragraph in the law which permits such a thing; but those who control the departments have never seen it that way.

What To Do With Your Old Music

There is a bunch of ex-service men at the Mt. Alto Reconstruction Hospital, 2560 Wisconsin avenue, trying to rebuild themselves after having suffered all sorts of wounds and disabilities ranging from broken bones to lost limbs.

The Red Cross has given them a player-piano, but they are extremely short on music rolls. They have played "How You Going to Keep 'Em Down on the Farm" until they are about dead. There must be thousands of music rolls in this city that could be shipped to that hospital. SEND THEM THERE TODAY.

Who's Got 'Em? There is a mystery in the offices

of the Nation's Business, that great magazine which is the official organ of the National Chamber of Com- 15th and F st. N. W.

Somebody is holding out something and, from Editor-in-Chief MERLE THORPE down to the newest office boy, everybody is a Sherlock Holmes for the time being.

woman in the Middle West a letter at Stone & Poole's at 12th & Penna. to the editor stating that the writer avenue to be convinced that DR. had lost two suits of underwear. She FRANK T. STONE is the real Beau wrote that she had received her copy Brummel of the apothecaries. And of the Nation's Business and had he is as popular as he is handsome. used the envelope to mail back to a The voters (and may the ladles soon big Chicago department store two be with them) of Arlington District unsuitable suits of underwear. The comprising the towns of Ballston department store has never received Rosslyn. Clarendon, Arlington and the underwear and the lady thinks Barcroft, are planning to elect him in this fashion. "He is devoted to maybe the envelope, with the name practically without opposition to the me," writes one; but she is utterly | 'Nation's Business" in red ink in one office of Supervisor, which correwrong, he is devoted to himself, corner, was returned to the editorial sponds to D. C. Commissioner. He

see if his mentally infirm old wife gerie, but the fact that her letter pany, now in process of formation. were well cared for, as did old contained a two-cent stamp, osten-

tors, after expert mental

Optimism For Pershing. It must be pretty nice to

I mailed a special delivery letter at the Georgetown P. O. to an ad-dress two blocks away. It reaches it two days later. B. L. FORSE.

What Drug Clerk Is the Handsomest?

The monkeys at the Zoo are rare- I deem it only just that I say a ly out of doors. If, as authorities word for one that I consider has no

which spans the entrance.

During the world's war he was in the U. S. navy on active duty at the Naval Hospital, 24th and E sts. m. w., this city.

Talking about handsome boys, take a slant at the usher in the Gayety Theater on 9th street, first balconv extreme right side. Some Jadies

Is he any handsomer than HARRY

You're all wrong. Did you ever notice the crowd of people out in front of Liggett's, 14th and F? AL FINK is on the inside and if you have never seen him drop in and get a look at a real handsome drug clerk. He won't like this nomination, but here goes!

WALTER C. BRANDES. 2032 16th Street N. W., Washington, D. C.

"When speaking of handsome ruggists please do not omit DR EDMUNDS, of Liggett's, 13th and Pennsylvania avenue. His charming personality has made him very popular with everyone."

H. STROTHER, L. GRAHAM.

Strong Endorsement. Now that you have Bootleggers we, in the race for the Handsomest Drug Clerk, I wish to nominate DR RINKER, of RINKER'S DRUG STORE. He is not only the best looking, but he is the most congenial druggist in the "Bootleg Country." J. G.

MYRON, MARTEL, MICHAEL, the Bushy Haired Boy at Afflecks, chance.

Apothecarial Bean Brummel.

The Virginia readers of The Times do not agree with the D. C. Beauty Experts as to the handsomest drug Not long since there came from a clerk. One has but to take a look in will most likely be elected president type walking a hundred miles te . The lady did not describe the lin- of the Alexandria County Trust Com-

Ballston, Va.